

**Specification:**

Please amend the specification as it presently appears in the issued U.S. Patent No. 6,318,581 at column 3, lines 42-62 as follows:

The sealing boot 90 is located in the containment area 76 and preferably rotationally molded of synthetic resin such as either high density linear or low density polyethylene for flexibility. The sealing boot 90 is provided in the shape of a tire, including a flat inner wall 112 provided with surrounding, circumferentially spaced apertures 114 for the receipt of bolts 110 therethrough, and a central hole 56 for alignment in registry with the port 54 and the central opening 102 of the neck 100. An circumferentially extending cup-shaped protrusion 116 extends radially outwardly from the flat inner wall 112, with flat outer wall 118 extending radially inwardly therefrom in spaced, opposed relationship to flat inner wall 112. The flat outer wall 118 includes an inner margin 120 having a transverse dimension [D] which is substantially the same as that of the access opening 78 and [smaller] larger than the diameter of the central hole 56 of the flat inner wall 112. The sealing boot 90 thus defines an annular, circumferentially extending channel 122 which permits flexing of the boot 90 and captures liquid leaking past the inner coupler assembly.